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In re Application of Dee	:	
Application No. 09/853,094	:	Decision on Petition
Filing Date: May 9, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. 36861.00.0006	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed February 10, 2006, to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed November 3, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. An extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was not obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 4, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 7, 2005.

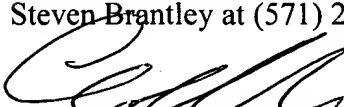
Petitioner contends a reply and request for an extension of time were filed on May 9, 2005 (certificate of mailing date of May 3, 2005). Petitioner has supplied a copy of the originally filed papers and a postcard receipt. The evidence of record is sufficient to establish petitioner filed a timely reply to the non-final Office action.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

The extension of time fee of \$510 was not previously charged to petitioner's deposit account due to the loss of the originally filed papers. Therefore, the Office has charged \$510 to petitioner's deposit account for the three-month extension of time.

Technology Center Art Unit 3629 will be informed of the instant decision and the application will be further examined in due course.

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